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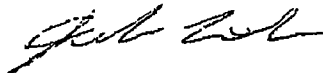
Sirs,

For the past few weeks my high school American Democracy class has been studying American media, how it functions, its problems, its benefits, and the effect of regulatory changes on the subject matter of the news. I have come to the conclusion that power, further concentrated, will do nothing but impede the democratic process and create a false perception of the world to American citizens. Networks like FOX already suppress and omit necessary information, and they have abused their right to free speech by narrowing the political vision of their viewers. All media is owned by a total of 6 conglomerates. Corporate media can no longer be trusted and should never have been trusted with the responsibility of running the press. There are too many ulterior motives, too many special interests, for a corporation to *actually* work in the interest of the people as a whole.

The profit motive has corrupted the media process. We need a publicly owned media that functions in the interest of the working class, so that politicians and businessmen do not have yet another opportunity to "work together" at the expense of the other 95% of the population. This issue is increasingly important in today's world of political turmoil and contention over resources, and now more than ever the American people need media that will give them accurate information about current events. We can no longer afford to allow businessmen to monitor what we do and don't get to see. We require complete and universal access to all information that the government has access to. Sir, respond to this plea now so that it will not eventually have to become a demand of the united American working people.

Sincerely,

Jackson Losh, student



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FCC Commissioners
1919 M St. NW
Washington, DC 20554

185 Hill Road
Berkeley, CA 94708
Nov. 9, 2007

Re: Stop media consolidation

Dear Commissioners,

Please stop attempts by your present chairman to relax rules for media ownership.

Michael Powell tried this before. Today, the reasons to diversify are even more important. The media in this country are a disgrace to a democracy. It is especially difficult to become exposed to new and exciting ideas.

Thank you for attention to this message.

Sincerely,

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Senator Barbara Boxer:

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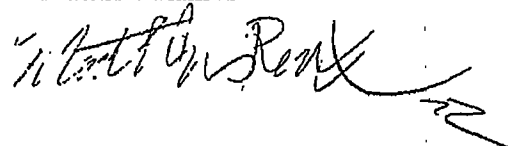
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I am a Lowell student from the San Francisco Unified School District. I am writing you in regards to the upcoming elections involving a decision to possibly loosen ownership laws over the media. Reasons for this would include the "supposed" competition; yet there is an extensive network of vertical integration that disproves this theory. The media is now consumed within the six major corporations. Due to the fact that media is a business, it is very likely that costs will be cut in order to increase profit. This probably includes money used to explore and investigate new stories. Instead, these companies will probably resort to face-value transmission. This is the reiteration of ideas/stories without verification on their legitimacy. This will in turn lead to wrongfully misleading the public into taking a political stance that they may never have taken before, if they had received the true/ full story. In a sense, the media will be manufacturing consent, as stated by Noam Chomsky. Another aspect of this is that because the media is a corporation, they tend to side with the right side of the political spectrum, capitalistic ideals. False balancing will continue to be ever present within the media, because it almost ensures that the power will remain in the hands of those capitalists. This is very likely, because why would a capitalist ever risk profit. Therefore, most likely they would not invite any confident guests onto the show that had opposite political views. An example of this includes when Jeremy Glick was brought on to Bill O'Reilly's talk show. He was not allowed to even express himself, and explain the history of the CIA aiding the Mujahdeem. In conclusion, I would like you to make the best decision. Please do not be pressured by any cartels or from anybody solely interested in profit. Do what is best for the common person, as we behold so much trust in you.

Sincerely,

Matthew Ramos



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Dear Mr. Senator,

My name is Pentecost and I am currently taking my Democracy class at Lowell High School. For the past weeks, we have been discussing media and regulations on it.

Knowing that there is an upcoming election, I would like to ask about the regulations that are currently on the media. The regulations on the media are loose enough, why should we loosen them even more? If we loosen them, huge companies such as ABC, NBC, and FOX will control all our channels and produce bias opinions. If huge companies get bigger wouldn't that be considered a monopoly and isn't it illegal to a monopoly?

I believe that the media is earning enough profits. From 2002 to 2002, the big four corporations, ABC, CBS, NBC, and FOX received a total profit of 2 billion dollars. While they are receiving a huge amount of money, the rest of us are receiving maybe a few thousands per year. How is this fair to the millions of us who are working very hard to earn money in order live in this society? While they are creating oligopolies, we're struggling to pay for our bills.

Another thing is that if there were deregulations in media, they should do actual research and give important facts, not just interesting facts. From the 2 billion dollars they are earning, they should be able to use that to provide real facts. Also, notice how every company gives the same news. I think they should be able to provide not only real facts but different opinions as well. It seems that most of the media stations on television only provide opinions and ideas from the conservatives and the republicans.

In conclusion, I believe that if there was a law put media, there should be a law on more regulations. These businesses are not providing us the facts that actual news is suppose to give us!

Sincerely,

Pentecost Ng

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